

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

**INITIAL APPEARANCE
ON RULE 5 HEARING**

v.

DAMIAN JOHNSTON

Case No. **24-M-680**

HONORABLE JAMES R. SICKEL, presiding
Deputy Clerk: Joleen
Hearing Held: September 26, 2024

Hearing Began: 11:41 a.m.
Hearing Ended: 11:54 a.m.
Tape Number: 092624

Appearances:

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA by
DAMIAN JOHNSTON by:

Alexander Duros
Krista A. Halla-Valdes
☒ FDS ☐ CJA ☐ RET
Amy Kosmoski

U.S. PROBATION OFFICE by:

Defendant appears in person.

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- ☒ Defendant advised of rights
 - ☒ Court orders counsel appointed
 - ☒ Copy of ☒ complaint ☐ indictment received by Defendant;
☐ document read; ☒ further reading waived
 - ☒ Defendant advised of charges, penalties and fines

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- ☒ Defendant waives Identity Hearing
 - ☒ Defendant waives Preliminary Hearing
 - ☐ Defendant to be transported by the U.S. Marshal to District of Columbia
SEE Commitment Order
 - ☒ Defendant to be released on O/R bond to appear, via zoom District of Columbia on
October 10, 2024, at 12:30 p.m. (ET). Zoom information provided to defendant in court.
SEE Order Setting Conditions of Release
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Mr. Johnston is considering retaining counsel and has not been able to do so at this time.

Mr. Duros advises the defendant of the maximum penalties:

Cts. 1 & 2: 1 yr; Probation: 5 yrs; Fine: \$100,000; SA: \$25

Cts. 3 & 4: 6 mos; Probation: 5 yrs; Fine: \$100,000; SA: \$25

The court accepts the Waiver of the Identity Hearing and Preliminary Hearing.

The court is in receipt of the Pretrial Services Report that recommends released on recognizance bond with conditions.

The parties are in agreement with the recommendation.